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THE NRO STAFF

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Studies Concerning Security and Technology Transfer
Impacts of the Pending Transfer of LANDSAT-D Ground
Station Technology to the People's Republic of
China (PRC)

The NRO staff commissioned the attached studies in late November in an effort to satisfy OUSDR&H's stated need for an "objective assessment" of the PRC LANDSAT-D Ground Station proposal. Study No. 1 was done by Dr. [REDACTED] Dr. [REDACTED] has considerable background in communications associated technology transfer issues, and is an Advisor to the Director, DIA. Study No. 2 was done by Dr. [REDACTED] (Sunnyvale, California). Dr. [REDACTED] has long served in a variety of advisory capacities with the SIGINT Overhead Reconnaissance Program. The two studies were commissioned to be performed wholly separately. While they differ in some specific findings, they nevertheless both advise a very conservative approach in providing LANDSAT-D associated technology to the Chinese. It should be noted that Study 2 is a more detailed effort, having taken three weeks to complete while Study 1 was completed (at the NRO's request) in about ten days.

It should be emphasized that both are contractor efforts and neither has been subjected to any rigorous scrutiny within government.

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Deputy Director for Liaison
and Administration

2 Attachments

1. Study by Dr. [REDACTED]
2. Study by Dr. [REDACTED]

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